

Capsule Summary
SM-650
Dean House
Bushwood
Private

c. 1909-1910

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme:

Architecture

Resource Type

Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Residence

Known Design Source:

John J. Dean, Carpenter

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-650

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Part of Chickahominy

and/or common Dean House (pref.)

2. Location

street & number 22455 Bushwood Wharf Road ___ not for publication

city, town Bushwood ___X___ vicinity of congressional district 7

state Md county St. Mary's TM-38, G-8, P-79

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	___X___ occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
___X___ building(s)	___X___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational ___X___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___X___ yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ transportation
	___X___ not applicable	___ no	___ military ___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert E. and Brenda K. Elwood

street & number 22455 Bushwood Rd telephone no.: 301-769-3840

city, town Bushwood state and zip code Md 20618

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 66

street & number folio 122

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Dean House is located on the north side of Bushwood Road about 20 yards from its intersection with Bushwood Wharf Road near the rural crossroads community of Bushwood, Maryland. Oriented on a north/south axis, the building is situated on a flat 6.03 acre parcel. The house is bordered by residential lots to the east and west, by the road to the south, and by an overgrown parcel to the north. Approached via a shot dirt drive from Bushwood Road, the house features a front yard enclosed by a wire fence. The combination of bushes and evergreen and deciduous trees in the front yard help to frame the house's primary elevation.

The Dean House, constructed in 1909-1910, is a two story, center-passage, L-plan, frame dwelling with symmetrical fenestration. Originally erected on a brick pier foundation that was later filled in and covered over with later bricks, the circular sawn frame is currently sheathed with asbestos shingles. These newer shingles cover over the original "German" siding that was fastened with mature cut nails. At the juncture of the wall and roof is a box cornice. Pierced by two interior and one interior end brick chimney flues with corbelled tops, the gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The primary or south elevation is dominated by a central pavilion that projects from the main block of the building. A porch that originally shaded the first floor of the projection has been enclosed. This enclosed porch has a central door that exhibits a palladian window on either side. Each of the windows is composed of a central picture window flanked on each side by a four-over-four, double-hung sash window. The original entry, presently enclosed by the porch, is a three-light-over-three-panel door. This was flanked on either side by a two-over-two window. The window on the east side has been removed and covered over. A two-over-two window lies on either side of the pavilion. The second floor of the pavilion is pierced by three two-over-two windows with similar sash on either side of the projection. The attic story is pierced by a two-over-two window with a semi-circular crown. The pavilion is further accentuated by cornice returns and a later scrollsawn vergeboard.

The east elevation consists of the main block's gable end, the side of a one story modern addition, and the side of the rear ell. The main block is pierced on the first and second floors by a two-over-two window. The addition, sheathed with vinyl siding, is lit by a palladian window that consists of a large one-over-one window flanked on either side by a slender one-over-one window. The second floor of the rear ell exhibits a one-over-one window.

The north elevation consists of the rear of the main block, addition, and ell. The addition has a similar palladian window with a larger sash flanked by more slender windows accompanied by two, swinging casement windows. Two windows light the second floor of the main block. The ell has a door (previously a window) shaded by a hipped roof porch. The porch is rimmed by a balustrade interspersed by turned porch posts.

The west elevation is composed of the main block's gable end and the ell's side. The ell is pierced by a casement window on the first floor and a one-over-one window on the second floor. The main block has a two-over-two window on the first and second floor.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Significance 8.0.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6.03 acresQuadrangle name Rock PointQuadrangle scale 1:24 000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's County Dept. of Planning & Zoningdate 8-17-98street & number 22740 Washington Streettelephone 301-475-4662city or town Leonardtownstate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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7.1 Description

Like several houses erected in the early-twentieth century in St. Mary's County, the Dean house exhibits a center passage plan. Turned balusters, a chamfered newel, and molded handrail embellish the stair itself, but one of the most distinctive features of the passage and other first floor rooms is the use of decorative pressed metal to cover the walls. Elaborately adorned with fleur-de-lis, medallions, and other geometric shapes, the metal walls convey impressed-metal's popularity in the early twentieth century. Other dwellings and buildings such as the Fennie and Mazie Bailey House (SM-629), Bushwood Post Office (SM-608), are other examples of its use. Parlor's, entered through panelled doors with casement transoms, each feature the use of pressed tin and each have period mantels although they are not original to the house. Like the mantels, much of the bulls-eye trim was reused from a now demolished house. A kitchen is situated directly in back of the west parlor. Mimicking the floor plan of the first floor, the second floor features three bedrooms.

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Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 66, Folio 122
Grantee: Robert Eugene and Brenda Kay Elwood
Grantor: William F. and Linda M. Beyers
Date: February 29, 1980
Notes: The tract is listed as containing 6.03 acres.

Reference: Liber DBK 212, Folio 44
Grantee: William F. and Linda M. Beyers
Grantor: Clifford E. Bates
Date: May 13, 1974

Reference: Liber DBK 199, Folio 159
Grantee: Bates Construction Company
Grantor: Alex and Dianne Lee Kosack
Date: October 17, 1973

Reference: Liber DBK 151, Folio 360
Grantee: Alex and Dianne Lee Kosack
Grantor: Charles Walter and Kay E. Browrigg
Date: June 21, 1969

Reference: Liber DBK 139, Folio 289
Grantee: Charles Walter and Kay E. Browrigg
Grantor: William T. and Sue R. Broms
Date: January 5, 1968

Reference: Liber CBG 118, Folio 341
Grantee: William T. and Sue R. Broms
Grantor: Florence G. and Agnes N. Simpson
Date: March 5, 1965
Notes: Here the tract is referred to as part of the farm called "Chickahominy."

Reference: Liber JMM 6, Folio 423
Grantee: Florence G. and Agnes N. Simpson
Grantor: Annie L. Goodwin et al
Date: September 13, 1929

Reference: Liber JMM 3, Folio 131
Grantee: Annie L. Goodwin
Grantor: Sarah L. Dean
Date: May 8, 1925
Notes: Subsequent to the death of her husband John J. Dean, Sarah L. Dean conveys a one third interest in the property to her daughter Annie L. Goodwin.

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8.2 Significance

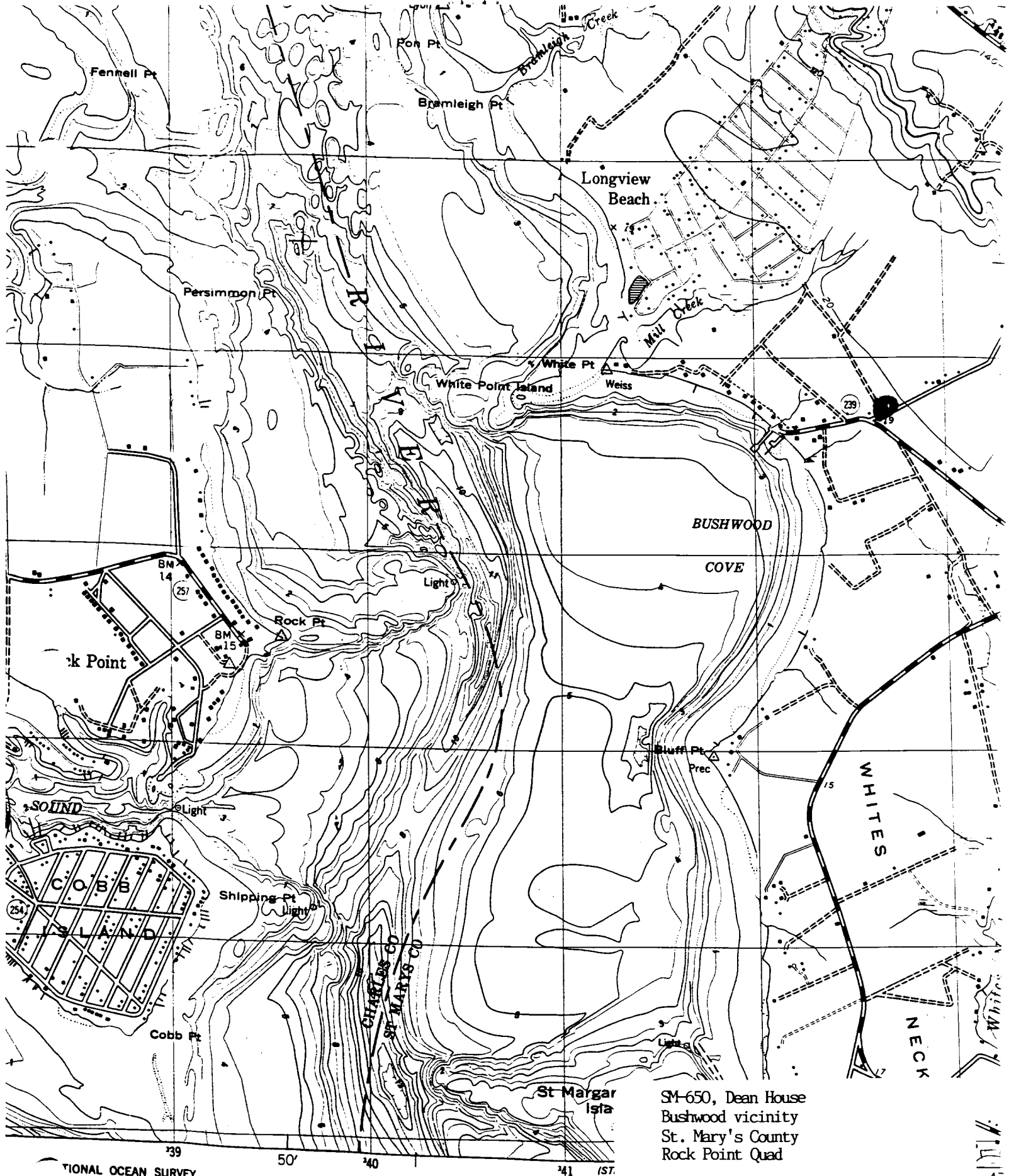
Reference: Liber EBA 7, Folio 477

Grantee: John J. Dean

Grantor: Attaway T. Garner

Date: February 24, 1909

Notes: Here the tract is listed as containing 11 3/4 acres and was subdivided off of the nearby farm called Chickahominy. No previous deed was listed.



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 Bushwood vicinity
 St. Mary's County
 Rock Point Quad

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